



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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UTILITY INTEREST CHARGES: WHY IT CAN'T BE WAIVED

As a municipality, the Town of Freetown is subject to Mass General Laws, in this case, those laws that relate to municipal finance and taxation. Those statutes enable us to value property, tax property, and charge for water and sewer usage.

Utility charges are similar to taxes in the ability for unpaid amounts to accrue interest, fees and ultimately to have a lien placed on the property. The rate of interest charged is set by statute (Mass General Law, Chapter 59, section 57) and there is no provision to change that at the local level, so therefore, you cannot waive interest because you are in theory changing the rate of interest down from 14% per annum to 0%.

For a current account balance, please contact Chandler, Senior Clerk, at 508.644.4000.